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The Honorable Tom Wolf
Governor
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
508 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

The Honorable Andrew Wheeler
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Governor Wolf and Administrator Wheeler:

With the recent release of the final Watershed Implementation Plans (WIP) to restore the Chesapeake Bay by 2025, Maryland continues to have alarming concerns regarding Pennsylvania's progress on clean water. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's final WIP falls far short of the federally established nitrogen goal by only achieving 73% of the required reduction. Pennsylvania's plan also includes a troubling funding gap of over \$300 million annually.

The Chesapeake Bay is a national treasure, and the heart of our region's culture and economy. The United States has made a national commitment to restoring Chesapeake Bay through executive orders, congressional actions and policies, and the Total Maximum Daily Load. In the 2014 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement, the jurisdictions, federal agencies, and Chesapeake Bay Commission reaffirmed their support for a regional approach and partnership, including a commitment to clean water goals by 2025.

As Governor of Maryland and Chair of the Chesapeake Executive Council, I have repeatedly offered to help Pennsylvania rally the necessary financial and regulatory support to fully achieve our shared goals. We urgently need a more complete and comprehensive commitment from Pennsylvania, as well as a clear and robust demonstration from the Environmental Protection Agency that appropriate oversight powers will be used to maintain our momentum. Restoration requires full federal and state engagement and investment, with success dependent on each and every jurisdiction. We all have much to gain by collectively reaching our 2025 goals, be it more fertile farmland, healthier streams and rivers, or growing outdoor recreation, but we also have much to lose if we fail to live up to our commitments.

The next meeting of the Chesapeake Executive Council, set for Sept. 5, 2019, offers yet another opportunity for an open and constructive dialogue with you, other members of the Chesapeake Executive Council, and our citizens on a path forward. After three decades of federal, state, and local initiatives and investments in Chesapeake Bay, now is not the time to waiver.

Sincerely,



Larry Hogan
Governor, State of Maryland
Chair, Chesapeake Executive Council

cc: Cosmo Servidio, Regional Administrator, Region 3, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Dana Aunkst, Director, Chesapeake Bay Program
The Honorable Tawanna P. Gaines, Chair, Chesapeake Bay Commission